

Raritan Valley Arts Association Established 1939

March 1998 Newsletter

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Blustery Greetings!

First off let's just remark that we had a terrific double demo by Ed Havas last month--and then he gave RVAA the paintings to raffle off! Having mentioned that to whet your appetites, on Monday, March 9th, 7:30 p.m. at the Somerset County Library, Program Chairwoman Debbie Tintle has arranged for us to have Robert Heyer give a watercolor demo. A member of both the New Jersey Water Color and Garden State Watercolor Societies, and a many-times-awarded artist, Bob Heyer is a popular demonstrator. Indeed, you may remember several Decembers ago, Bob demoed at Main Street Restaurant for RVAA. You won't want to miss this!

Secondly, it's BIG APPLE TIME! Debbie Hughes has kindly volunteered to Chairwoman our great trip to New York City. The date is Saturday, April 18th, and our bus will be at the Somerset County Library's upper parking lot at 8:45, to leave at 9 a.m. First the Metropolitan Museum of Art is for us to enjoy, roughly from 10-2:30 and then the bus zaps us down to the Village and the Salmagundi Club for the American Watercolor Society Show. The bus will pick us up there and have us back to Bridgewater and the library about 5 p.m. All this service, camaraderie, and art for only \$20. A check made out to RVAA should be sent posthaste to Debbie Hughes, 255 Falmouth Place, Bridgewater, NJ, 08807. Any questions? Please call Debbie at 908-725-4639. (you will need admission \$ to the Met; they have a very nice cafeteria there, also).

Thirdly, APRIL is our Spring Members' Show, and once again Elsa Herrmann will be running this show, with the help of Susan Furey. The show will run all month at the Manville Public Library, 100 South 10th Avenue, and delivery is Saturday, April 4th, from 10-noon. The fee is \$8. and yes, this show will also be judged. If you've never been to the Manville Library, the facility is a nice modern one, with a large parking lot.

President Linda Arnold has registration forms for Bernards Township Charter Day Saturday, May 16, if you are interested in exhibiting in their big celebration in Basking Ridge. A 10' space indoors with

lighting is available for \$40. and they need the forms by March 28. The artists will be located centrally in what was once a huge car dealership space. They expect a crowd of 8-10,000 (2nd annual show and street festival). Please call Linda 908-647-3610 for forms.

Last Saturday I attended a workshop on hanging and promoting an art show at Kean College, run by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. It was a well-run half day affair (with continental breakfast) for only \$5. They will have an Arts Access Conference at the Hyatt Hotel in N. Brunswick Thurs. March 26, 9:30-4, and on Sat. March 28 their workshop subject will be Approaching Art Galleries & Alternative Spaces, at the DuCret School of Art in Plainfield. If you're interested, please phone 908-558-2550 to get on their mailing list.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Linda Arnold was commissioned for five paintings of Liberty Corner which were hung in the Millington Bank at their opening celebrations in Liberty Corner.

Walt Mihalik is having a one-man show in the Lavallette Branch of the Ocean County Library during March. You are all cordially invited to come see Walt's show!

Diana Patton will have a one-woman show "Garden Studios" at Somerset Art Association's Johnson Gallery (second floor) with an opening reception Thurs. April 2. (I'm excited, that's true! Who's invited, well, it's YOU! Can't wait---six to eight (pm), Thursday, April 2.) And guess what, Lee Hughes' opening reception is the exact same time on the first floor of the Johnson Gallery! 2020 Burnt Mills Rd, Bedminster (right next to Pluckemin). Shows to April 30, Mon-Sat 9:30-2.(I'll paint Saturdays there, except Easter Weekend).

The Hunterdon Art Museum juried Members' Show just finished and RVAA members in the show included Anne Hand, Elsa Herrmann, Corinne Kenney, Diana Patton (honorable mention), and Audrey Wreszin.

And last, but certainly not least, the Somerset County Commission on the Status of Women is celebrating Women's History Month in March and they honored 17 women for their significant contributions in their fields. In the field of Art--our own Ruth Wilson is the one honored. A special dinner is being held March 6th at McAteers Restaurant.

Congratulations, Ruth!

And so, think paint---and set it on paper, now; we've a show upcoming!